AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Original) Dyestuff of the formula I

$$D-N$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$CH-(CH_{2})_{n}-(CH)_{s}-COO-CH-CN$$

$$R^{2}$$

$$R^{4}$$

$$(I)$$

wherein

D is a group of the formula (IIa)

$$T^{1}$$
 T^{4}
(IIa)

wherein

T¹, T² and T³ are, independently, hydrogen, halogen or nitro;

T⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano or nitro;

wherein at least one of T¹, T², T³ and T⁴ is not hydrogen;

or a group of the formula (IIb)

$$T^{5}$$
 S
(IIb)

wherein

T⁵ is hydrogen or halogen; and

T⁶ is hydrogen –SO₂CH₃, -SCN or nitro;

wherein at least one of T⁵ and T⁶ is not hydrogen;

or a group of the formula (IIc)

$$O_2N$$
 N
 S
(IIc)

or a group of the formula (IId)

$$T^8$$
 T^9
(IId)

wherein

T⁷ is nitro, –CHO or a group of the formula

$$-N$$

wherein T¹⁰ is -H, halogen, nitro and cyano;

T⁸ is hydrogen or halogen; and

T⁹ is nitro, cyano, -COCH₃ or -COOT¹⁰, wherein T¹⁰ is (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

or a group of the formula (IIe)

$$O_2N$$
 (IIe)

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R^{1} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4)-alkyl or -NCOR^6, where R^6 is (C_1-C_4)-alkyl or phenyl;
R<sup>2</sup> is unsubstituted (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, substituted (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, benzyl or phenylethyl;
R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or methyl;
R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or methyl;
R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, methyl or phenyl;
R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen, chloro, methoxy or ethoxy;
n is 0, 1 or 2;
s is 0 or 1;
with the proviso that
in the case R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are hydrogen and n=0
D is a group of the formula (IIc), (IId), (IIe) or (IIa) wherein T<sup>1</sup> is not nitro
      if T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup> and T<sup>4</sup> are hydrogen,
     if T<sup>2</sup> and T<sup>3</sup> are hydrogen and T<sup>4</sup> is chlorine or cyano and
     if T<sup>2</sup> and T<sup>4</sup> are hydrogen and T<sup>3</sup> is chlorine; and
with the further proviso that
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 R^2 is unsubstituted (C₁-C₆)-alkyl if R^1 is methyl, R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^7 are hydrogen and n=0.

2. (Original) Dyestuff according to claim 1 of the formula (Ia)

wherein

D is a group of the formulae (IIa), (IIb), (IIc), (IId) or (IIe);

 R^1 is (C_1-C_4) -alkyl;

R² is unsubstituted (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, benzyl or phenylethyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

3. (Currently amended) Dyestuff according to claim 1 of the formula (Ib)

$$O_2N$$
 CI
 N
 CH_2 - CH_2 - COO - CH_2 - CN
 R^2
(Ib)

wherein

T³' is bromo or chloro; and

 R^2 is unsubstituted (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, substituted (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, benzyl or phenylethyl; phenylethyl.

4. (Original) Dyestuff according to claim 1 of the formula (Ic)

$$D-N$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$CH-CH-COO-CH_{2}-CN$$

$$R^{2}$$

$$R^{4}$$

$$R^{2}$$
(Ic)

wherein

D is a group of the formulae (IIa), (IIb), (IIc), (IId) or (IIe);

 R^1 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or $-NCOR^6$, where R^6 is (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or phenyl;

 R^2 is unsubstituted (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, substituted (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, benzyl or phenylethyl; and

R³ is hydrogen and R⁴ is methyl or R³ is methyl and R⁴ is hydrogen.

5. (Currently amended) Dyestuff according to claim 1 of the formula (Id)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & & \\ & & & \\ D-N & & & \\ N & & & \\ & & & \\ N & & & \\ & &$$

wherein

D is a group of the formulae (IIa), (IIb), (IIc), (IId) or (IIe);

 R^1 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or $-NCOR^6$, where R^6 is (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or phenyl;

 R^2 is unsubstituted (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, substituted (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, benzyl or phenylethyl; and R^5 is methyl or phenyl; phenyl.

6. (Original) Dyestuff according to claim1 of the formula (Ie)

$$R^6COHN$$
 $D-N$
 $CH_2-(CH_2)_n-CH_2-COO-CH_2-CN$
 R^7
 (Ie)

wherein

D is a group of the formulae (IIa), (IIb), (IIc), (IId) or (IIe);

 R^2 is unsubstituted (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, substituted (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, benzyl or phenylethyl;

 R^6 is (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or phenyl;

R⁷ is chloro, methoxy or ethoxy; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

7. (Currently amended) Dyestuff according to claim 1 of the formula (If)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\ & &$$

wherein

 R^2 is unsubstituted (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, substituted (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, benzyl or phenylethyl;

R⁸ is nitro; and

n is 0, 1 or 2; n is 0, 1 or 2.

8. (Original) Dyestuff according to claim1 of the formula (Ig)

$$D-N \longrightarrow R^{1} \longrightarrow R^{3}$$

$$CH-COO-CH_{2}-CN$$

$$R^{2} \qquad (Ig)$$

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wherein

D is a group of the formulae (IIa), (IIb), (IIc), (IId) or (IIe);

 R^{1} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or $-NCOR^6$, where R^6 is (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or phenyl;

 R^2 is unsubstituted (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, substituted (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, benzyl or phenylethyl; and R^3 is hydrogen or methyl.

9. (Currently amended) Process for the preparation of a dyestuff as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 8 claim 1, which comprises diazotisation of diazotizing an amine of the formula III

$$D-NH_2$$
 (III)

wherein D is defined as given in the preceding claims a group of the formulae (IIa), (IIb), (IIc), (IId) or (IIe),

and coupling onto a compound of the formula IV

wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁷ are defined in claim 1 as given in the preceding claims.

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- 10. cancelled
- 11. (New) A process for dyeing and printing of synthetic textile material and fibre blends thereof which comprises contacting the dyestuff as claimed in claim 1 with the material.

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